

SENATOR WEIHING: (Inaudible) got into a discussion back there. Okay, the College of Agriculture really doesn't deal in applied. When you get a degree you don't get a degree from the College of Agriculture that is in agriculture, you get a degree in Entomology or Agronomy or Plant or Animal Science or Ag Engineering or Agricultural Economics. You do not get a generalized degree and we did have, up until a few years back, a two-year course where they applied for that of production agriculture. Our production agriculture has become very technological. We have our large feedlots. We have our large ranches. We...our own farms are not what they were. They're not family farms, they're family production farms with a great deal of technology and a great deal of economics and farm management. The school at Curtis, the Technical College at Curtis was able to fulfill this and fulfill it well. Why did it get cut off? Number one, I have lived in that university, that university was my life for many, many years. It's a long ways away. It did not have the sensitivity that a department or a college would right...that would have right on the campus. It was not of the nature of the university as a university is today but I want to point out that the connection with the university and flow of the latest of technology into technology that can be used in the applied area is extremely efficient and extremely accurate. I think it is very unfortunate, very unfortunate that we are cutting off, and I think it's very unfortunate that the decision was made to cut it off.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WEIHING: We must recognize that the flow of our technology was most efficient with the college at Curtis and can go ahead and produce those managers, the technicians, that our agricultural society and also our horticultural society right here in Lincoln, Campbell's Nurseries, always gets their technicians from Curtis. Why? Because they're the best trained in the United States and they will put that up to you every time. There is no graduate that is better trained in the area of horticulture than coming out of the college from Curtis. I feel that we should, this body should reconsider that bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Peterson, then Senator Coordsen, please.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. President and members, I rise to support pulling this bill out of committee. I can think of nothing more